

CLAIMS:

1. A system for processing a target document, the system comprising:
a storage device for storing a plurality of words;
a search device for identifying whether any of the words present in the
5 storage device are present in the target document; and
an annotation device for annotating said words located in the target
document.

2. A system according to claim 1, further comprising an input device for
inputting words from a source document into the storage device, the input
10 device comprising:

a detector for detecting one or more annotated regions in the source
document; and

a device for entering one or more words from a detected annotated
region of the source document into the storage device.

3. A system according to claim 2, wherein the input device further
comprises a capture device for capturing a digital image of a physical source
document.

4. A system according to claim 3, wherein the detector is operable to
detect annotations in the captured image of the source document.

5. A system according to claim 4, wherein the detector is operable to
detect a type of annotation.

6. A system according to claim 5, wherein the type of annotation
comprises one of highlighting, underlining, circling, crossing through,
bracketing, bolding, italicizing, and coloring.

7. A system according to claim 1, further comprising a capture device
for capturing a digital image of a physical target document to be annotated.

8. A system according to claim 1, wherein the annotation device is
operable to annotate one or more words in the target document using the
same type of annotation as used in a source document from which the words
30 in the storage device are derived.

9. A method of processing a target document, comprising:

storing a plurality of words of interest;

searching the target document to identify whether any of said words of interest are present in the target document; and

5 annotating said words located in the target document.

10. A method according to claim 9, further comprising inputting words from a source document into the stored words of interest.

11. A method according to claim 10, further comprising detecting one or more annotated regions in the source document, and entering one or more
10 words from a detected annotated region of the source document into the stored words of interest.

12. A method according to claim 10, further comprising optically capturing a digital image of a physical source document.

13. A method according to claim 11, wherein said detecting comprises
15 detecting annotations in a captured image of the source document.

14. A method according claim to 13, wherein said detecting comprises detecting a type of annotation.

15. A method according to claim 14, wherein the type of annotation detected comprises one of highlighting, underlining, circling, crossing through, bracketing, bolding, italicizing, and coloring.
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16. A method according to claim 9, further comprising optically capturing a digital image of a physical target document to be annotated.

17. A method according to claim 9, wherein said annotating comprises annotating one or more words in the target document using the same type of
25 annotation as used in a source document from which stored words are derived.